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In the Figures

Please replace Figures 1 to 4B of the subject application with corrected Figures 1 to 4B annexed hereto as **Exhibit B**.

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the subject application. No claims have been added, cancelled or amended by this Amendment. Applicants have submitted a substitute abstract and corrected Figures 1 to 4B in order to introduce certain formatting changes. Applicants submit that the substitute abstract and the corrected Figures do not introduce any new matter. Accordingly, claims 1-32 will still be pending and under examination upon entry of this Amendment.

Applicants annex hereto as Exhibit C a marked-up version of the abstract to show the changes made relative to the previous version thereof.

In view of the arguments below, applicants maintain that Examiner's rejections have been overcome and respectfully request that they be withdrawn.

Formalities

Drawings

The Examiner objected to Figures 1-4B as allegedly not compliant with 37 C.F.R. §1.84 or §1.152 as indicated by a September 20, 2002 Notice of Draftspersons's Patent Drawing Review. A copy of the September 30, 2002 Notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.

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Specifically, the Notice indicated that Figures 1-4B allegedly contain numbers and reference characters not oriented in the same direction as the view.

In response, applicants have annexed hereto corrected Figures 1 to 4B as **Exhibit B**.

In view of the above remarks, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the figures.

Abstract

The Examiner objected to the abstract of the disclosure under M.P.E.P. §608.01(b). Specifically, the Examiner asserts that it is not clear what the subject of the third sentence of the abstract is. In response to the Examiner's objection, applicants have annexed hereto a substitute abstract as **Exhibit A**. The substitute abstract addresses the Examiner's concern.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1-32 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly not enabled.

In response, applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection.

The test for enablement is whether one skilled in the art could, at the time of the invention, make and use the claimed invention based on the disclosure and information known in the art without undue experimentation. Applicants maintain that the claimed invention satisfies the test for enablement, and that the

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Examiner has not set forth sufficient grounds for concluding otherwise.

Briefly, the rejected claims provide methods for delivering an antigen to a Class I MHC receptor to induce immunity against the antigen in a subject having a disease. The claimed invention is based on applicants' surprising discovery that antigen-filled particles will bind to ligand-binding antigen-presenting cells (APCs) permitting the APC phagolysomes to ingest the Ag-particles to facilitate transfer of the ingested antigen from the phagolysomes into the cytoplasm.

In support of the rejection, the Examiner asserts that applicants have provided insufficient guidance and direction regarding the effectiveness of any of the recited administered cells in delivering an antigen to a Class I MHC receptor to induce immunity against the antigen in a subject. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that applicants have only provided a limited number of prophetic examples to determine the effectiveness of the recited methods and cites Koppleman et al. for the proposition that it would require undue experimentation to determine if any antigen would be presented in a Class I-restricted fashion.

Applicants disagree with the Examiner's position. First, applicants note that the specification need not contain an example if the invention is otherwise disclosed in such manner that one skilled in the art would be able to practice it without undue experimentation. The Examiner's reliance on Koppleman et al. does not support the Examiner's position that the specification does not enable the claims. Applicants submit that Koppleman et al., at most suggest that some selectivity is

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involved regarding subsequent processing of peptides in the ER. This selectivity, if it in fact exists, does not necessitate undue experimentation in practicing the claimed invention. Second, applicants note that the specification does indeed teach a working example of this invention. Specifically, the specification discloses a procedure for the loading of a peptide into red blood cell ghosts; delivery of the peptide to a Class I MHC receptor; and subsequent induction of cytotoxic CD8 lymphocytes. Such teaching can be found at, *inter alia*, pages 32-35 of the specification.

In view of the above remarks, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-32 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Conclusion

Applicants maintain that claims 1-32 are in condition for allowance, and thus, allowance is respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

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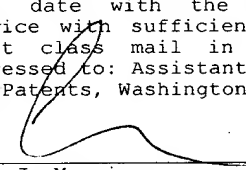
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Respectfully submitted,



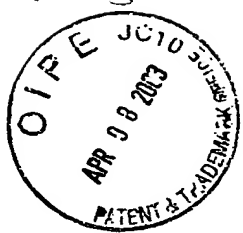
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Marked-up Version of the Abstract to Show Changes

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A NOVEL METHOD FOR USING PHAGOCYTOTIC PARTICLES AND ATP RECEPTORS
TO DELIVER ANTIGENS TO MHC CLASS I RECEPTORS TO INDUCE IMMUNITY
AGAINST MICROBIAL PATHOGENS OR TUMORS OR TO SUPPRESS IMMUNITY

Abstract of the Disclosure

This invention provides methods of delivering an antigen to an Class I or Class II MHC receptors to induce immunity against the antigen in a subject having a disease. This invention also provides methods of delivering an antigen to an Class II or class I MHC receptor to suppress immunity against the antigen in a subject having a disease. [the ligand-binding APCs to bind to the ligand-coated Ag/ATP-filled particles and APC phagolysosomes to ingest the ligand-coated Ag/ATP-filled particles to facilitate transfer of the ingested antigen from the phagolysosomes into cytoplasm such that the antigen is delivered to a Class II MHC receptor and is expressed on the surface of the APCs (Ag-APCs); d) incubating the Ag-APCs of step (c) with lymphocytes previously removed from the subject having the disease; and e) administering the incubated lymphocytes of step (d) to the subject so as induce Class II MHC presentation and elicit suppressor T-lymphocytes so to suppress immunity against the antigen in the subject.]

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NOTICE OF DRAFTSPERSON'S
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The drawing(s) filed (insert date) 9/8/02 are:A. ☒ approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.B. ☒ objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for the reasons indicated below. The Examiner will require submission of new, corrected drawings when necessary. Corrected drawing must be submitted according to the instructions on the back of this notice.

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

1. DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings:

Black ink. Color.

Color drawings are not acceptable until petition is granted.

Fig(s) _____

Pencil and non black ink not permitted. Fig(s) _____

2. PHOTOGRAPHS. 37 CFR 1.84(b)

1 full-tone set is required. Fig(s) _____

Photographs may not be mounted. 37 CFR 1.84(c)

Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s) _____

3. TYPE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(e)

Paper not flexible, strong, white, and durable.

Fig(s) _____

Erasures, alterations, overwritings, interlineations,

folds, copy machine marks not accepted. Fig(s) _____

Mylar, velum paper is not acceptable (too thin).

Fig(s) _____

4. SIZE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes:

21.0 cm by 29.7 cm (DIN size A4)

21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (8 1/2 x 11 inches)

All drawing sheets not the same size.

Sheet(s) _____

Drawings sheets not an acceptable size. Fig(s) _____

5. MARGINS. 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins:

Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm

SIZE: A4 Size

Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm

SIZE: 8 1/2 x 11

Margins not acceptable. Fig(s) _____

Top (T) _____ Left (L)

Right (R) _____ Bottom (B)

6. VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h)

REMINDER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes.

Partial views. 37 CFR 1.84(h)(2)

Brackets needed to show figure as one entity.

Fig(s) _____

Views not labeled separately or properly.

Fig(s) _____

Enlarged view not labeled separately or properly.

Fig(s) _____

7. SECTIONAL VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h)(3)

Hatching not indicated for sectional portions of an object.

Fig(s) _____

Sectional designation should be noted with Arabic or

Roman numbers. Fig(s) _____

8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(i)

Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s) _____

9. SCALE. 37 CFR 1.84(k)

Scale not large enough to show mechanism without crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction.

Fig(s) _____

10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS.

37 CFR 1.84(l)

Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality).

Fig(s) _____

11. SHADING. 37 CFR 1.84(m)

Solid black areas pale. Fig(s) _____

Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s) _____

Shade lines, pale, rough and blurred. Fig(s) _____

12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, & REFERENCE CHARACTERS.

37 CFR 1.84(p)

Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible.

Fig(s) _____

Figure legends are poor. Fig(s) _____

Numbers and reference characters not oriented in the same direction as the view. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(1)

Fig(s) 1-43

English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2)

Figs _____

Numbers, letters and reference characters must be at least

.32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(3)

Fig(s) _____

13. LEAD LINES. 37 CFR 1.84(q)

Lead lines cross each other. Fig(s) _____

Lead lines missing. Fig(s) _____

14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(t)

Sheets not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals beginning with number 1. Sheet(s) _____

15. NUMBERING OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(u)

Views not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals, beginning with number 1. Fig(s) _____

16. CORRECTIONS. 37 CFR 1.84(w)

Corrections not made from prior PTO-948

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17. DESIGN DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.152

Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig(s) _____

Solid black shading not used for color contrast.

Fig(s) _____

COMMENTS

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